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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
JOHN A. BECKMAN )  
Serial No. 09/025,531 )  
Filed: February 18, 1998 )  
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING )  
A VEHICLE FRAME ASSEMBLY )  
INCLUDING HYDROFORMED SIDE ) Attorney Docket 1-5119  
RAILS HAVING INTEGRALLY )  
FORMED MOUNTING AREAS )

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Add new Claims 2 through 15 as follows:

2. The method defined in Claim 1 wherein the integrally formed mounting structure comprises an aperture formed through the first side rail.
3. The method defined in Claim 2 wherein the aperture is formed at a location corresponding to one of a front bumper bracket, a sheet metal bracket, a